CLAIMS:

1. An arrangement which can be activated for an operating time and which includes a modular unit that can be started and stopped, and which includes stopping means which are designed for stopping the started modular unit, the stopping means having delay means which are designed for delaying the stopping of the modular unit in accordance with a run-out time during the operating time of the arrangement, and the stopping means having changing means which are designed for changing the run-out time.

2. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, in which the stopping means have counting means which are designed for counting start/stop cycles of the modular unit, and in which the changing means are designed for changing the run-out time as a function of the counted start/stop cycles.

3. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, in which frequency-processing means are provided which are designed for processing the frequency of the occurrence of an operating state of the modular unit, and in which the changing means are designed for changing the run-out time as a function of a processing result of the frequency-processing means.

4. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, in which the frequency-processing means are designed for processing the frequency of the occurrence of the started operating state of the modular unit.

5. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, in which the frequency-processing means are designed for processing the frequency of the occurrence of an operating state of the modular unit within an observation time interval.

6. The arrangement as claimed in claim 5, in which the frequency-processing means are designed for processing the frequency of the occurrence of a change in operating state of the modular unit within the observation time interval.